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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 189

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 12, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Feb 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Various Issues Concerning Agriculture and Animals.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. GiaQuinta

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill does the following.

County Property Tax Value. This bill removes the restriction that only counties that contain more than \$20 M in property tax value may make an allowance to an interstate fair corporation.

Publication in County. It requires that the petition for an allowance for a tax levy to support county 4-H clubs be printed in a newspaper that is published in the county. (Current law requires that the petition be printed in a newspaper that is published and printed in the county.)

Tuberculin Tests for Goats and Cervids. It prohibits tampering or altering with an identification mark on goats and cervids that have reacted positively to a tuberculin test.

Rules. It removes a conflicting provision that prohibits the State Board of Animal Health (SBAH) from adopting rules to exempt certain testing requirements from animals that present little risk of spreading disease.

Reporting Dangerous Animals. The bill requires that a veterinarian, caretaker, or custodian who is not the owner of an animal but has reason to suspect that the animal has a dangerous, contagious, or infectious disease to make a report to the state veterinarian or local health officer within 48 hours.

Agricultural Cooperative. The bill provides that the stockholders or members of an agricultural cooperative created before February 23, 1925, by majority vote, may elect to be governed by certain agricultural cooperative laws by limiting its stockholders or membership. (Current law provides for a vote limiting only

membership.)

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Code Revision Commission.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Rules.* Removing a conflicting provision that prohibits the SBAH from adopting rules to exempt certain testing requirements from animals that present little risk of spreading disease is a technical change and will have no impact.

(Revised) *Reporting Dangerous Animals.* It requires that a veterinarian, caretaker, or custodian of an animal who is not the owner of an animal but has reason to suspect that the animal has a dangerous, contagious, or infectious disease to make a report to the state veterinarian or local health officer within 48 hours. Under existing law, anyone could report suspect animals. This provision could result in a decline in the number of diseased animals that are reported to the state veterinarian or local health officer, which could, in turn, reduce administrative expenses for the oversight entity. The overall impact is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Tuberculin Tests for Goats and Cervids.* Prohibiting the tampering with or altering of an identification mark on goats and cervids that have reacted positively to a tuberculin test will have no impact because IC 15-2.1-21-2 provides for a Class D penalty for tampering with identification marks of “domestic” animals.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *County Property Tax Value.* Removing the restriction that only counties that contain more than \$20 M in property tax value may make an allowance to an interstate fair corporation will have no impact because all counties currently exceed this threshold.

Publication in County. Regional publications make restricting publication to a county newspaper unworkable for some counties.

(Revised) *Reporting Dangerous Animals.* See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

Agricultural Cooperative. This provision updates language pertaining to members of agricultural cooperatives and would have no impact.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: SBAH.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

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